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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am opposed to the proposed remedies in the Microsoft case, as are various States' Attorneys General and millions of users and consumers.

The US Court of Appeals agreed *unanimously* that Microsoft had illegally kept its monopoly position, yet the proposed remedies do little to address the past wrongs and nothing to prevent further, similar actions by Microsoft.

Without a Special Master, there will be no enforcement of any remedies laid out, which means that in a few years, DoJ will have to sue Microsoft again. Even if Microsoft's methods are changed, the structure already in place will continue to work in their favour, much as in the AT&T case through 1984.

There is nothing in the settlement proposals addressing the improperly-obtained monies explained in Remedies Brief of Amici Curiae (Civil Action No. 98-1232 (TPJ), <http://www.econ.yale.edu/~nordhaus/homepage/Final%20microsoft%20brief.pdf>). Are criminals not required to return illegal gains?

For these and many other reasons, I voice my strongest opposition to the proposed remedies.

Sincerely,

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